he : you may stroke him as gently as a puppy greyhound : he will not swagger with a Barbary hen, if her feathers turn back in any show of resistance.—
Call him up, drawer*

HOST. Cheater, call you him ? I will bar no honest man my house, nor no cheater[5]: But I do not love swaggering; by my troth, I am the worse, when one says—swagger: feel, masters, how I shake : look you, I warrant you.

DOL. So you do, hostess.

HOST. Do I ? yea, in very truth do I, an 'twere an aspen leaf: I cannot abide swaggerers.

Enter PISTOL, BARDOLPH, and Page.

PIST. 'Save you, sir John 1

holding of his leets, as waifes, straies, and such like, be called *cheates*, and are accustomably said to be *escheted* to the lord's use.'7 So, likewise in Lord Coke's Charge at Norwich, 1607 : " But if you will be content to let the *escheator* alone, and not looke into his actions, he will be contented by deceiving you to change his name, taking unto himselfe the two last syllables only, with the *es* left out, and so turn *cheater*." Hence perhaps the derivation of the verb—to *cheat,* which I do not recollect to have met with among our most ancient writers. In The Bell-man of London, by T. Decker, 5th edit. 1640, the same derivation of the word is given : ** Of all which lawes, the highest in place is the *cheating* law, or the art of winning money by false dyce. Those that practice this study call themselves *cheaters* ^ the dyce *cheaters,* and the money which they purchase *cheate:* borrowing the terme from our common lawyers, with whom all such casuals as fall to the lord at the holding of his leetes, as waifes, straies, and such like, are said to be *escheated* to the lordes use, and are called *cheates*." This account of the word is likewise given in A Manifest Detection of Dice-play, printed by Vele, in the reign of Henry VIII.

STEEVENS.

5 I will bar no honest man my house, nor no CHEATER :] The

humour of this consists in the woman's mistaking the title of *cheater* (which our ancestors gave to him whom we now, with better manners, call a *gamester*) for that officer of the exchequer called an *escheator*, well known to the common people of that time: and named, either corruptly or satirically, a *cheater*.